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SUBJECT: SOURCE OF COMMISSARY SUPPLIES

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FROM CLARK EUR/EX

1. IN TELECON WITH MINISTER KLEIN THIS MORNING HE
REPORTED THAT EMBASSY'S PROBLEM WITH COMMISSARY BERLIN
IS BASED ON MOSCOW'S INSISTENCE ON NO REPEAT NO
SUBSTITUTION FOR BRAND NAMES.

2. ACCORDING MINISTER KLEIN, WHEN EMBASSY MOSCOW SUBMITS
ORDERS THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO PROBLEM IF MOSCOW WILLING
ACCEPT SUBSTITUTION LIKE ITEMS FOR BRAND NAMES. AS I
UNDERSTAND IT, UNDER THIS SYSTEM MONEY IS TIED UP ONLY
TWO OR THREE WEEKS SINCE PAYMENT IS NOT DUE UNTIL GOODS
DELIVERED TO USBER.

3. IF SUBSTITUTION BRAND NAMES UNACCEPTABLE MOSCOW, IT
WILL BE NECESSARY PLACE ORDER EITHER IN US OR SHOPS SUCH
AS OSTERMANN-PETERSEN. IN CASE OF US PURCHASE FROM
CAMERON STATION, HOWEVER, ALL FREIGHT CHARGES FROM
CAMERON STATION TO MOSCOW WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID BY
MOSCOW COMMISSARY. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU WISH DEPT TO
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EXPLORE TIMING AND PAYMENT PROCEDURE WITH CAMERON STATION.

4. REGARDING SHORT-TERM LOAN FROM CENTRAL COMMISSARY
MESS AND RECREATION FUND, MODEST LOAN WOULD BE APPROVED
IF EMBASSY ABLE TO SHOW HOW REPAYMENT WOULD BE MADE. RUSH

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